

in sensuality and whose whole history is shrouded in the mountain-maze of most idiotic fabrications of tradition. A religion which teaches that strange doctrine of transmigration and whose heaven (Nirvana) is a state of oblivion without love or feeling of any sort, will find no sympathy from those who have learned that the way of holiness is thro the indwelling Christ and whose heaven is not death but life, life a thousand times intensified because of its loving social activity.

Hindooism likewise presenting to us the evils of caste, of child marriage, of self-torture and worship of all forms of natural life cannot claim place with Christianity with its brotherhood of man, its exaltation of virtue and its God who is transcendent as well as immanent.

Mohammedanism got part of its teaching from the Jews but carries with it the blight of polygamy, of evangelization by the sword, of salvation by works and of caste while the Mohammedanism heaven is a place of sensuality.

The hundreds of minor religions of the world are alike in abstracting religion from morality. Their fruits are seen in the uncivilized, immoral condition of the people. As the dark places of the earth are being opened to civilization the duty of speeding with the gospel to all the open doors becomes greater than ever before. *Young people of the Brethren church, double your efforts for missions and send a worker to the foreign field.*

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#### The Power of Duty

Austin Phelps.

To be content in a crisis with the single thought of duty is one of the grandest things in history. Yet a child can do it. God never disappoints that trust. When a young man throws himself headlong into the sea of temptation with only the one spar of duty to lay hold of, God is there to uplift and bear him over the billows. In grasping duty he grasps a living and almighty hand.

#### Thoughts for the Young

Forward.

A vigorous plant cannot be raised without sunshine, nor can any nature be truly strong and helpful without cheerfulness.

A mother's intuitive knowledge of what is best for her boy or her girl is deeper and surer than any conclusion of philosophy or science.

To be cheerful in the face of misfortune is to show the highest style of courage. The Christian may rest assured that he will be able to do this, for the promises of heaven are pledged to him in his day of need.

Christ's call to a boy to follow him is not a call for the boy to become like his grandfather. The Master wants boy disciples who are thorough boys. He has a work for boys to do that all the wise men in the world cannot do.

Bravery may be cultivated. Showing a spirit of courage in the minor affairs of life trains us to be strong in the great crises. The boy who cannot endure an ache or a slight wound without whimpering or wailing would not be likely to make a very heroic showing on the battle-field.

The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. Why? Because they had forgotten God. We shall not succeed in life's hard fights, even though we have every equipment for victory, unless, plus all else, we have faith in God, and refer everything to him. And one with God is a majority.

When we are young, trials are hard to bear. We have had, on the whole, so much sunshine, so much gladness, that we are surprised at the appearance of sorrow, and it steals on us like a thief in the night. As we grow older, we learn that

"Sorrow, touched by Thee, grows bright  
With more than rapture's ray,  
As darkness shows us worlds of light  
We never saw by day."

#### What Makes a Successful Young People's Society

A consecrated president.  
Business-like business meetings.  
Committees that are active.  
Devotional meetings that are spiritual.  
Enterprising advertising committees.  
Faithful members.  
Godly living by each member.  
Holy spirit to guide and to teach.  
Intelligent interest in the Church.  
Juniors visited and encouraged.  
Knowledge of God's Word broadened.  
Literature wisely distributed.  
Money freely given to society expenses.  
New methods occasionally.  
Open-hearted, overflowing singing.  
Prayerful everyday life by members.  
Quarreling unknown.  
Rejoicing in the opportunities.  
Soul-saving a constant object.  
Thorough preparation of each topic.  
United action in all things.  
Voluntary participation.  
Work, work, work with a will.  
'Xtra efforts when the work lags.  
Young people all enlisted.  
Zeal and consecration undefiled.

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### The Christian Life

#### Golden Gossip

Selected

How easy it is to speak kindly of every one! If, during our conversation a bitter thought comes in our heart, we can just hesitate a minute; we will be sure to change that hard word to something pleasant, and thus make life happier not only for the friend in question, but it will certainly make our hearts lighter to know that no hasty word of ours has been the means of making another sad. For cruel words, sometimes unintentional, but more often uttered thoughtlessly, can never be instrumental of good, and when once spoken can never be recalled. There is certainly something good to be found in every human soul, so we should try during our whole life to speak well of others.

It certainly is difficult sometimes to see the good in the midst of so much dross, but if we cannot speak well, do not speak ill. We must leave such unfortunates out of our conversation. There are so many pleasant truths to be uttered which will make life

sweeter and more worth the living. We must ever try to put away all unfriendly thoughts and temptations, and remember the example we have to follow. Strive to be more like Him every day and every hour. "Speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness to all men." (Titus 3:10).

#### Better Plant Than Bulld

Lyman Abbott, D. D.

If a man builds, nature straightway sets to work to undo his building. Rust eats into the iron, and decay into the wood, and little by little time ravages and destroys. But if a man plants, nature proceeds to complete his unfinished work. He sows a seed, and behold wheat; he plants a cutting, and behold a tree. Such is the difference between working alone and working with God. He who sows truth in human hearts works with God. The seed drops into the heart; lies there: is long time hidden; sprouts; pushes forth the blade and ear, and finally the full corn. Not at once, only after long delay; but it fails not. Heaven and earth shall pass away; all things material decay, "But my words shall not pass away," truth is imperishable.

#### The Shepherd Psalm

Northfield Echoes.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

I shall not want rest. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

I shall not want drink. "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not want forgiveness. "He restoreth my soul."

I shall not want guidance. "He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

I shall not want companionship. Yea, tho I walk thro the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

I shall not want comfort. "Thy rod and staff they comfort me."

I shall not want food. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want joy. "Thou hast anointed my head with oil."

I shall not want anything. "My cup runneth over."

I shall not want anything in this life. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not want anything in eternity. "For I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

That is what David said he would find in the Good Shepherd. And one day it occurred to me to see how this twenty-third Psalm was fulfilled in Christ. This is what I found in Christ's own words:

"I am the Good Shepherd."

Thou shalt not want rest. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Thou shalt not want drink. "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

Thou shalt not want forgiveness. "The